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TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, PORG, PK
SUBJECT: AGHA SHAHI FINALLY HAS PERMISSION TO ATTEND UN
COMMITTEE

REF: ISLAMABAD 6909

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM AUTHORITATIVE FONMIN SOURCES
THAT MINSTATE AGHAH SHAHI HAS NOW RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM
CMLA GENERAL ZIA TO DEPART AUG 5 FOR UN TO ATTEND
MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
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2. REPORT INDICATES HOLD-UP ON AGHA SHAHI TRAVEL AT LEAST
PARTLY DUE CMAL'S DESIRE THAT AGHA SHAHI BE IN
ISLAMABAD DURING VISIT OF LIBYAN LEADER, MAJOR JALLOUD
(SEPTTEL).

3. SAME SOURCES SPECULATE THAT AGHAH SHAHI NOW CONVINCED

NO PORTFOLIO IN ZIA GOVERNMENT IS IN HIS IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WHILE AT UN, THERE, HE WILL BE LOOKING FOR POSSIBLE JOB WITHIN UN ORGANIZATION. RUMOR PERSISTS ALSO THAT AGHA SHAHI STILL LOOKING FOR AMBASSADORSHIP.

4. COMMENT: INFO IN PARA 1 AND 2 ABOVE APPEARS TO US HIGHLY CREDIBLE AND FITS OUR PERCEPTION OF AGHA SHAHI'S PROBLEMS WITH CMAL GOVT. PARA 3 SPECULATION ALSO FITS SCENARIO AS IT APPEARS CMLA IS HOLDING MINISTRIES AND SENIOR AMBASSADORSHIPS AS PLUMS FOR ATTRACTING POLITICIANS INTO THE MILITARY/CIVILIAN PARTNERSHIP GOVERNMENT HE ENVISIONS. AGHA SHAHI JUST DOES NOT HAVE THE STATURE TO MAKE A VIABLE CANDIDATE FOR SUCH POSITIONS.
--WOULD APPRECIATE USUN'S WATCHING FOR ANY SIGNS AGHA SHAHI IN FACT PURSUING UN POSITION.

5. AMB HAD PLANNED TO SEE AGHA SHAHI IN ISLAMABAD TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT PAK-SOVIET RELATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS BUT WILL NOW NOT HAVE CHANCE TO DO SO. SUGGEST THAT DEPT SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO MEET SHAHI SOON EITHER IN NY OR WASH.

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